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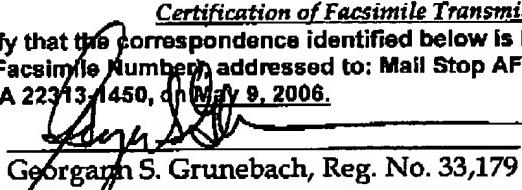
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Please find attached Re:

Inventor: Douglas Cheline, et al.

Serial No.: 09/940,141

Filed: August 23, 2001

For: SINGLE-MODEM MULTI-USER VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK

- > Amendment Transmittal
- > Response to PTO Final Rejection dated March 13, 2006

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Docket No. PD-201118

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Douglas A. Cheline, et al.  
 Serial No.: 09/940,141  
 Filed: August 23, 2001  
 For: SINGLE-MODEM MULTI-USER VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK

: Date: May 9, 2006  
 : Group Art Unit: 2144  
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 : Examiner: Peiling Andy Shaw

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated March 15, 2006. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- No additional fee for claims is required.
- The claims have been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	21 minus	23* =	0 x	\$ 50.00	\$ -0-	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 minus	4* =	0 x	\$ 200.00	\$ -0-	
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						
				\$ -0-		

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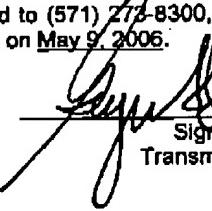
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**AMENDMENT C UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2005,  
Applicants provide the following remarks: